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Section I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross.

Section II - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Captain WILLIAM L SPENCER 0450602, Infantry, (Armored), \*\*\* Tank Battalion, 4th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy near RECHICOURT LA PETITE, FRANCE. On the afternoon of 19 September 1944, a large scale enemy counter-attack was launched against the position of Combat Command \*\*\*, 4th Armored Division. Captain SPENCER, commanding Company \*\*\*, was ordered to proceed with his company to join battle with the enemy tank force which was closing in on the position. Captain SPENCER personally led his company into the fire fight which resulted in the destruction of nine German tanks and the loss of three tanks in his company, one of which was his own. Although Captain SPENCER had been severely wounded during this action, he gathered his depleted force and led them to the battalion assembly area. After his wounds were treated, Captain SPENCER spent the remainder of the night in preparing his command for the next day's action. The following morning Captain SPENCER, in a borrowed tank, led his company in a counter-attack against a major enemy tank force with such force and determination that fourteen enemy tanks were destroyed and 257 enemy killed, with the loss of one tank and one killed in Captain SPENCER'S company. Again on 22 September 1944, when a force of approximately thirty-nine enemy tanks had driven back cavalry outposts, Captain SPENCER personally led his weakened and weary force against an enemy which he knew outnumbered him two to one. The result of this engagement was the destruction of fourteen enemy tanks and the routing of the balance of the tank force, with the loss of only one tank in Captain SPENCER'S command. So intense was the action that the entire load of ammunition was fired. The courage and determination displayed by Captain SPENCER in leading his depleted company against a vastly superior enemy force with the resultant destruction of the enemy were inspirational to the entire command. The fierce determination which he displayed throughout, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, created great confidence not only in his own company, but in all supporting troops, and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

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\* Technical Sergeant IRVIN F CONLEY, 20526726, Company "K", \*\*\* Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 13 July 1944 in the vicinity of ST LO, FRANCE, when the platoon led by Sergeant CONLEY was pinned down by heavy enemy machine-gun fire from strongly fortified positions,

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Sergeant COMLEY, exhibiting great courage and coolness under fire, advanced toward the nearest machine-gun emplacement, fired his rifle until the weapon jammed, and then continued the attack with hand grenades, including several enemy grenades which he threw back before they exploded. Upon reaching the hedgerow, behind which the enemy machine-gun was emplaced, he leaped into the enemy position and killed the remaining members of the crew with the butt of his rifle. Determining that his platoon was still unable to advance, he returned to his own lines with the enemy machine-gun, thus weakening the network of enemy fire. Although wounded in the leg during the action, Sergeant COMLEY remained in active command of his platoon, and through his courageous leadership, inspired his troops to the subsequent capture of the strong enemy positions in the area. His heroic achievements exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

Private First Class EDWARD M. WINTERBOTTOM, 31140429, 488th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 14 September 1944 in the FORET DE LEVANT ARDES, near POMPEY, FRANCE, Private First Class WINTERBOTTOM was pinned down by enemy machine-gun fire while attacking a strong enemy position. Although his rifle was shot out of his hand, and he was wounded, Private First Class WINTERBOTTOM, exhibiting great courage, and in utter disregard for his own safety, advanced to within fifteen (15) yards of the enemy position and destroyed the machine-gun nest with hand grenades. He then rallied his platoon for a continuance of the attack. By his heroic actions Private First Class WINTERBOTTOM enabled his platoon to attain its objective with a minimum of casualties. His courage and inspirational leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the Military Forces of the United States.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Corporal GEORGE J. KINNEY, 36206677, Medical Detachment, 488th Ordnance Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE. On the night of 6 October 1944 the barracks in which Corporal KINNEY was sleeping was demolished by a large caliber enemy artillery shell. Despite his own injuries, this non-commissioned officer displayed great courage by calmly assisting in the rescue work and medical treatment of other injured men. His outstanding achievements reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States.

Technician Fifth Grade WILSON T. RHONE, 39020925, Medical Detachment, 488th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 15 September 1944 in BREST, FRANCE, during a heavy enemy artillery shelling, Technician Fifth Grade RHONE, when informed of the location of five wounded enlisted men, disregarding his personal safety, proceeded along a street which was subjected to intense artillery fire to the building where the wounded soldiers were located. He administered medical aid to these men and assisted in their evacuation. Technician Fifth Grade RHONE'S conscientious devotion to duty and personal bravery merit high commendation.

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Technician Fifth Grade JAMES J CIHA, 35515646, \*\*\* Medical Ambulance Company, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 18 September 1944. When caught between the cross-fire of friendly and enemy troops while treating and evacuating wounded personnel in the city of LUNEVILLE, FRANCE, Technician Fifth Grade CIHA calmly continued on his mission with complete disregard for his own safety. His courageous devotion to duty merits high commendation.

Private LEONARD F GROSS, 35516875, \*\*\* Medical Ambulance Company, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 18 September 1944. When caught between the cross-fire of friendly and enemy troops while treating and evacuating wounded personnel in the city of LUNEVILLE, FRANCE, Private GROSS calmly continued on his mission with complete disregard for his own safety. His courageous devotion to duty merits high commendation.

Lieutenant Colonel RICHARD A HOOVER, 0270135, Infantry, Headquarters Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 29 October 1944.

Lieutenant Colonel T K THOMAS, 0364492, Cavalry, Headquarters Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 31 October 1944.

Chaplain (Captain) WILLIAM J H MCKNIGHT, 0479010, Chaplain Corps (Armored), Headquarters \*\*\* Armored Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 13 September 1944 to 13 October 1944.

First Sergeant JOHN C COLLETTI, 32096167, Company "C", \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 9 September 1944 to 31 October 1944.

Master Sergeant ROBERT E BOREMAN, 35031266, Headquarters \*\*\* Medical Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 July 1944 to 22 October 1944.

Master Sergeant CALVIN E SCHWARTZMAN, 33000749, \*\*\* Quartermaster Depot Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 11 July 1944 to 25 October 1944.

Master Sergeant JOSEPH C GUGLIELMINO, 35300712, \*\*\* Quartermaster Depot Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 15 August 1944 to 23 October 1944.

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Master Sergeant GEORGE M BENNER, 38066008, Headquarters Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 23 October 1944.

Master Sergeant JAMES P McCLELLAND, 35300751, \*\*\* Quartermaster Depot Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 15 August 1944 to 23 October 1944.

Technical Sergeant GERALD M HOSUTT, 36063268, Headquarters \*\*\* Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 July 1944 to 25 October 1944.

Technical Sergeant PETER G QUAGLIARIELLO, 32563930, Headquarters \*\*\* Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 July 1944 to 25 October 1944.

Staff Sergeant CIVILLO MARTELLO, 32341867, \*\*\* Quartermaster Depot Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 11 July 1944 to 25 October 1944.

Technician Fourth Grade ANTHONY FORNILLO, 32715817, Medical Detachment, \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 25 October 1944.

Private First Class HOWARD T HOY, 32755918, \*\*\* Convalescent Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 19 September 1944.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:

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